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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

REF: STATE 64158

1. DCM REVIEWED WITH MFA DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
AFFAIRS SIYOLWE TALKING POINTS AS GIVEN IN REFTEL. SIYOLWE,
WHO WILL PROBABLY BE BEST INFORMED MEMBER OF THE GRZ
DELEGATION IN NEW DELHI, HAD NO COMMENT RE PUERTO RICO,
BUT SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO
KOREA, INDIAN OCEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, BCM TOLD SIYOLWE THAT THZ
CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE CLEAR ITS DESIRE TO ARRANGE
WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM KOREA. HOWEVER, NO TIME TABLE
HAD BEEN SPECIFIED.

3. DCM EXPLAINED THAT THE US WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE CURRENT
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OBJECTIONS TO A COMMON FUND FOR INDIVIDUALLY AGREED BUFFER
STOCKS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAD STATED
PUBLICLY THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WAS PREPARED TO GIVE
SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE LDC'S.

4. SIYOLWE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE US HAD EXPRESSED ITS
DESIRE TO DETERMINE IF THE SOVIET UNION IS WILLING TO REACH

AGREEMENT WITH THE US ON MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. HE IMMEDIATELY ASKED IF THE EMBASSY COULD GIVE THE GRZ AN INDICATION OF WHETHER THE US WOULD SUPPORT THE CONVENING OF A CONFERENCE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE (IOPZ). DCM EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS QUESTION BUT WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. SIYOLWE SAID THAT THE FULL GRZ DELEGATION TO THE NEW DELHI MEETING HAD NOT BEEN FIXED. HE KNEW THAT, IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF, FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE AND ZAMBIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN KAMANA WOULD ATTEND.

COMMENT: SIYOLWE GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF BEING GENUINELY INTERESTED IN WHATEVER MIGHT BE NEW IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS'S APPROACH TO ISSUES WHICH HAVE TENDED TO DIVIDE THE DEVELOPED AND LESSER DEVELOPED NATIONS. HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO INFORM HIS MINISTER. HOWEVER, IN THE PAST INTEREST HAS NOT NECESSARILY BEEN TRANSLATED INTO CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION OF ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US. PERHAPS THIS TIME AROUND A NEW FACTOR, A WILLINGNESS TO GIVE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION A CHANCE TO PROVE ITSELF, MAY MAKE THE ZAMBIANS MORE RELUCTANT THAN THEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY TO BACK POSITIONS CONTRARY TO THE US.

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